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Notes on Daily Local News articles from November 1929

compiled by James Bencrowsky

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1929/11/01

"Wall Street Buying Resumed" in *Daily Local News* (November 1, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Reporting from New York, N.Y.: Hidden wealth revealed by stock prices at bargains. Returning Confidence seen prompting exchange to close for two days. Wall Street began to revise its estimates of the recuperative power of the country, amazed at the flow of hidden national wealth which bargains stock prices had brought out.

1929/11/01

"Poll on Prohibition During Census" in *Daily Local News* (November 1, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Reporting from Washington D.C.: The measure would require the census takers to ask all citizens whether or no the favor modifications of the prohibition law to permit the manufacturing of light wines and beer.

1929/11/01

"The Grape Industry to be examined" in *Daily Local News* (November 1, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Reporting from California: The Grape Industry is to be surveyed immediately by the federal board to obtain a basis for a program to be formulated in time to be applied to the 1930 California grape crop. Later to be used in NY, MICH, and any other grape producing state.

1929/11/01

"NATION - Events under Uncle Sam's Starry Flag caught on Throbbing Wires" in *Daily Local News* (November 1, 1929), 2. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Two men killed and one arrested in a capture on lake Erie by coast guards. Three men were transporting liquor from Canada to the United States.

1929/11/01

"Arrested Liquor Case Witness for Perjury" in *Daily Local News* (November 1, 1929), 3. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Clarence Raymond, 20-year-old West Chester Negro who was witness in a liquor law violation case at court yesterday was arrested on the charge of perjury. Dominick Purise [Parise] of West Chester, defendant in the case, was given a nine-month jail sentence.

1929/11/01

"Fun For Store Folk" in *Daily Local News* (November 1, 1929), 3. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Forty employees of the Montgomery Ward & Company enjoyed a Halloween party in the store building on West Gay Street last evening.

1929/11/01

"Ford Cuts Prices" in *Daily Local News* (November 1, 1929), 3. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Reporting from Detroit, Mich.: The Ford Motor Company today reduced prices on its models from \$15 to \$100, saying this was a "Contribution to assure a continuation of good business throughout the county.

1929/11/01

"County Aids Roadwork" in *Daily Local News* (November 1, 1929), 2. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

The supervisors of East Nottingham Township were yesterday awarded \$1000 in county aid for Roadwork.

1929/11/01

"Hospital Receives Many Contributions" in *Daily Local News* (November 1, 1929), 3. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Annual donation day at the homeopathic hospital yesterday was tendered a gracious response from the people of West Chester along with nearby communities.

1929/11/01

"Some Other Cases" in *Daily Local News* (November 1, 1929), 4. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

The state of Pennsylvania charged Frank Horvath of Phoenixville with violation of liquor laws.

1929/11/01

"Community Chest Campaign Plans" in *Daily Local News* (November 1, 1929), 3. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

The West Chester Community Chest plans to raise \$47,290 for philanthropic & welfare activities in the borough. This year, a new group of Italian-Americans led by Cesar di Marzio and Frank Tarrizzi will help out. The volunteers will be organized into six teams of ten people.

1929/11/02

"Standard Oil Coming here" in *Daily Local News* (November 2, 1929), 1. (West Chester) [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Standard Oil Company signed a contract to build a distribution center on Maple Avenue in West Chester. Construction will commence as soon as possible.

1929/11/02

"Worth of Sea Phones Proved" in *Daily Local News* (November 2, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Reporting from New York, NY: The activity of the stock market this last week demonstrated conclusively the role of the Trans- Atlantic telephone.

1929/11/02

"Brokers Exchange Today" in *Daily Local News* (November 2, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Reporting from New York, NY: The stock market is still closed, however, the brokers were on hand and straightening out their affairs after the trouble of the last week. General opinion is the market has finished its break, but others say the recovering was too rapid and may have bad consequences.

1929/11/02

"Coatesville Loses Leading Industry" in *Daily Local News* (November 2, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Work on Coatesville's Carbonization Plant suddenly halts, throwing 300 men out of work. Management gives no word regarding when work will resume.

1929/11/04

"Suspended Licenses of Local Drivers" in *Daily Local News* (November 4, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Licenses cards of 68 drivers were revoked and of those, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspended 58.

1929/11/04

"In Quaker City" in *Daily Local News* (November 4, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

The first talking picture of a criminal's confession will be introduced in a court trial here today.

1929/11/05

"Too Much Begging" in *Daily Local News* (November 5, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Investigations into men posing as ex-service men looking to receive aid. (JB)

1929/11/05

"Soviet Plant to Hire 300 Americans" in *Daily Local News* (November 5, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

The Soviet government in Moscow hopes to obtain 300 skilled American technicians & engineers for work at the Stalingrad tractor factor. They hope to increase production output from 10,000-25,000.

1929/11/05

"Community Fund Makes Fine Start" in *Daily Local News* (November 5, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

On the first day of the fundraising campaign, the West Chester Community Chest received a total of over \$21,000 in subscriptions. Their goal is to reach \$47,290

1929/11/05

"Schuylkill Township Shares in State Aid" in *Daily Local News* (November 5, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Schuylkill Township will receive \$16,987, largest quota of \$84,000 appropriated for roadwork.

1929/11/05

"Markets to Close Early" in *Daily Local News* (November 5, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Markets to close early for municipal elections.

1929/11/05

"Rounding Another Corner" in *Daily Local News* (November 5, 1929), 2. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Another street corner is being rounded to give more driving space. The improvement will be a valuable one to drivers on Church & Gay Streets.

1929/11/05

"Pastors Endorse Community Chest" in *Daily Local News* (November 5, 1929), 3. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Ministerial Associations of West Chester pledge their support to local campaign by the Community Chest.

1929/11/06

"Plan for Merger" in *Daily Local News* (November 6, 1929), 6. (West Chester) [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

On November 22nd one representative from the Chester County Trust Company and another from the Farmers & Mechanics Trust Company will meet to discuss a potential merger.

1929/11/07

"Stocks Take Another Plunge" in *Daily Local News* (November 7, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

The New York Stock Exchange plunged down 15,000,000. They will hold only a short session on Friday.

1929/11/07

"Investigating Senate Liquor" in *Daily Local News* (November 7, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Reporting from Washington D.C.: A Federal Grand Jury will decide today whether to continue its investigation of a liquor party given by a group of senators.

1929/11/07 *Daily Local News* (November 7, 1929), CCHS clippings file "Chester County Trust Company." [Notes by Jim Jones]

The Chester County Trust Company merged with the Farmers & Mechanics Trust Company to form a new Chester County Trust Company. The treasurer is Norris S. Ingram of West Chester.

1929/11/07

"Community Fund Ascends Towards Goal" in *Daily Local News* (November 7, 1929), 10. (West Chester) [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

On November 7, 1929, the West Chester Community Chester took in more than \$3600.

1929/11/08

"Flier Breaks Another Record" in *Daily Local News* (November 8, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Douglas Davis sped from N.Y. to Atlanta, Georgia, in five hours. He only stoped once for gasoline.

1929/11/08

"Held for Court on Perjury Charge" in *Daily Local News* (November 8, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Clarance Raymond, a West Chester Negro, was given a hearing and returned to jail to await trial.

1929/11/08

"Two Teams Complete their Quota" in *Daily Local News* (November 8, 1929), 4. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

The Automotive and Italian-American groups of the West Chester Community Chest reached their quota for fundraising.

1929/11/09

"Community Chest Passes \$41,000 Mark" in *Daily Local News* (November 9, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Volunteers of the Community Chester will meet on Tuesday at noon. They hope to complete their fundraising.

1929/11/11

"Stocks Drop This Morning" in *Daily Local News* (November 11, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

The New York Stock Exchange will open only until 1pm every day this week.

1929/11/11

"Community Fund Near Completion" in *Daily Local News* (November 11, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Workers will make final reports at tomorrow's meeting. With more than \$41,400 in hand, officials hope that they will reach their goal.

1929/11/12 *Daily Local News* (November 13, 1929), in CCHS clippings file "West Chester Business Houses -- Sharples Separator Works." [Notes by Jim Jones]

The Sharples Milker Company petitioned the courts yesterday for the right to dissolve its business. It was incorporated in 1901, but stopped manufacturing in 1926. On November 12, 1929, the stockholders of the company voted to dissolve it. The company owes \$112,114 to Philip M. Sharples and \$18,176.67 to the Sharples Separator Company.

1929/11/12

"Promote Peace Asserts Hoover" in *Daily Local News* (November 12, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Reporting from Washington D.C.: In a speech, President Hoover said that nations must agree that starvation must not enter war plans. "Humanity be shown to every nation."

1929/11/12

"Fight to Finish on Washington Rum" in *Daily Local News* (November 12, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Reporting from Washington D.C.: District Attorney Leo A. Rover announced that he will continue his campaign to drive bootleggers, gamblers, and other lawbreakers out of Washington.

1929/11/12

"Community Campaign to Close Today" in *Daily Local News* (November 12, 1929), 2. (West Chester) [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Volunteers of the Community Chest met to deliver final reports, hoping that quota for 1930 will be raised full.

1929/11/12

"Bank Employees Steal \$3,000,000" in *Daily Local News* (November 12, 1929), 2. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Reporting from Flint Michigan: Bank employees took \$3 million, the largest theft in United States history. They took the money in order to play on the stock market.

1929/11/13

"Hoovers Speech Praised By Many" in *Daily Local News* (November 13, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Telegrams pour into the White House congratulating president. Praise was given to President Hoover for his comments regarding global humanity (JB)

1929/11/13

"Greek Colonists to Quit Russia" in *Daily Local News* (November 13, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Fifty thousand Greeks, many of which have been living in Russia for generations without surrendering Greek citizenship, have begun an exodus from the Soviet Union.

1929/11/13

"Better Tone on Stock Exchange" in *Daily Local News* (November 13, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

When the New York Stock Exchange opened this forenoon, there were gains in many securities but there were drops in other areas.

1929/11/13

"Community Chest Reaches \$43,506" in *Daily Local News* (November 13, 1929), 10. (West Chester) [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Th West Chester Community Chest collected \$43,405 in its November 1929 campaign, the second highest total ever collected.

1929/11/14

"Kills Self When Stocks Are Lost" in *Daily Local News* (November 14, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

The President of Rochester Gas & Electric Company, a self- made millionaire, killed himself in his Rochester home after he lost over a million dollars in the stock market.

1929/11/14

"Hoover Plans Huge Tax Slash" in *Daily Local News* (November 14, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Business and political leaders discussed the nation's business & economic affairs at a conference. The government may reduce taxes by \$160,000,000 in next year.

1929/11/15

"Market Rallies on Tax Cut News" in *Daily Local News* (November 15, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Reporting from New York: Confidence restored as government promises quick aid.

1929/11/15

"Man Kills Himself as Stocks Fail" in *Daily Local News* (November 15, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

W. Hall Brown, 35, committed suicide by shooting himself after losing in stock market.

1929/11/15

"Stock Market Still Climbing" in *Daily Local News* (November 15, 1929), 2. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Prices on the New York Stock Exchange were up from one to five points, though today's start was not at as fast a pace as yesterday.

1929/11/16

"Hoover to Call Business Heads" in *Daily Local News* (November 16, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

President Hoover announced that the government plans a huge construction program for the entire country to offset the stock market's reaction. Hoover is confident in the ability of United States to cooperate to insure future prosperity.

1929/11/16

"Community Chest Now Exceeds \$45,000" in *Daily Local News* (November 16, 1929), 4. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

The West Chester Community Chest announced that it had received additional gifts at a meeting of the executive committee.

1929/11/18

"Hoover Plans Four Conferences" in *Daily Local News* (November 18, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

President Hoover's sessions with business leaders start tomorrow. Railroad heads will be first to confer with the president in regards to president's conditions.

1929/11/19

"Work and Wages Keep at Highest Mark" in *Daily Local News* (November 19, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Factory employment and wage payments to industrial workers, which had been increasing for two years, stay steady.

1929/11/21

"How to Aid Home Industries" in *Daily Local News* (November 21, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Better streets would assist. Manufactures in West Chester have been asked by the *Daily Local News*, with the knowledge and cooperation of Burgess George J. Brinton, to say whether they think the people of West Chester could do anything jointly or separately to encourage production here and marketing in further corners of the world.

1929/11/22 *Daily Local News* (November 22, 1929), in CCHS clippings file "WC Business Houses -- First National Bank, 1925-1929 (2)." [Notes by Jim Jones]

The First National Bank remodeled its 1912 building. The 1912 floor plan placed the staff in the middle of the main floor and provided two aisles to either side for the customers. In 1929, the floor plan was remodeled to place the tellers along one side, office cubicles along the other and provide room for customers in the center of the floor. The new plan was designed by Simon & Simon of Philadelphia (designers of the Fidelity Trust and Strawbridge & Clothier buildings in Philadelphia) and the contractor was Jefferis Brothers of West Chester.

1929/11/22

"How to Aid Home Industries" in *Daily Local News* (November 22, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

The editors of the *Daily Local News* asked everyone in West Chester to say a good word for their hometown, in order to encourage workers.

1929/11/23

"New Industries May Thrive Here" in *Daily Local News* (November 23, 1929), 3. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Experiments are now in progress to test a new heat control device invented by Joseph Belt of West Chester. If it is successful, it may mean added business for West Chester.

1929/11/25

"Whiskey Made After 12 Dry Years" in *Daily Local News* (November 25, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Reporting from Kentucky: The first whiskey legally manufactured in the United States since September 1917 was run into charred barrels. While Government officials overlooked he whiskey was poured into charred barrels to makes it suitable for sale for medical purposes.

1929/11/25

"Trust Companies Ratify Merger" in *Daily Local News* (November 25, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Authorities must now approve the merger of the Chester County Trust Company and the Mechanics' Trust Company of West Chester, after their stockholders ratified the proposal at public meetings on Friday the 22nd.

1929/11/27

"Random Thoughts" in *Daily Local News* (November 27, 1929), 4. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

As winter comes on and outdoor employment for men decreases, there will be a temptation on the part of some to under take the business of poultry lifting. [chicken theft]

1929/11/29

"Constable Buys Gallon of Liquor" in *Daily Local News* (November 29, 1929), 1. [Notes by James Bencrowsky, 2006]

Over-zealous to sell his load of "apples", W. K. Granger, of Rock Run, is in jail this morning. The apple huckstering was a myth. It was really liquor the man was selling and the apples were just a camouflage. [alcohol]
